

## MICHAUD SECURES VITAL FUNDING FOR MAINE PROJECTS IN TWO APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

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The Conference report that became available indicated that Maine would critical funding for the Narraguagus River Project, Greenville Composite Biomass Project, Penobscot River Restoration Project, Maine Bureau of Warden Service, Maine Juvenile Drug Treatment program and a host of other important projects.

"It is clear that a number of Maine communities stand to benefit significantly from this legislation," said Congressman Michaud. "I am very pleased to be able to announce this funding, and I am glad that the committee is recognizing the important needs in Maine."

Specifically, the FY 2006 Energy and Water conference reports included the following funding for Maine harbor and dredging projects:

\$135,000-	Searsport, Harbor
\$86,000-	Bass Harbor
\$243,000-	Carvers Harbor
\$15,000-	International St. Croix River Board of Control
\$630,000-	Kennebec River
\$1,800,000-	Narraguagus River

The appropriations bill included \$750,000 for the Greenville Steam Efficiency Demonstration Project (GSEDP), which will increase electricity production and reduce emissions from an existing biomass power plant.

"I'm happy to be able to secure funding for these important projects," said Congressman Michaud. "The Greenville project could be a model for biomass facilities across the nation and the funding for Bass Harbor is critical for the completion of the channel and anchorage project."

Specifically, the FY 2006 Science, State, Justice, and Commerce conference report included funding for the following top requests:

\$100,000-	Maine Juvenile Drug Treatment
\$100,000-	Maine Bureau of Warden Service for search and rescue equipment
\$550,000-	Maquoit Bay, Maine
\$6,000,000-	Downeast Institute for Aquatic Resource Management
\$500,000-	Gulf of Maine Ocean Observing System
\$4,435,000-	Atlantic Salmon
\$1,519,000-	Gulf of Maine Groundfish Survey
\$500,000-	Penobscot River Restoration

"Funding this year has been scarce, with many budget constraints, and so I am especially pleased that the importance of the Maine Juvenile Drug Treatment Program has been recognized," said Michaud. "This program is a critical aspect of Maine's substance abuse treatment infrastructure that would be devastated by a loss of federal funds."

The United States Senate is expected to consider the House-passed conference reports shortly, and passage is expected. The new bills will likely be law within days.

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